(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM). (a) No such letter dated the 22nd October, 1985, has been received from Members of Parliament.

(b) Does not arise.

Growing number of Afghans in Calcutta

3133. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing number of Afghans in Calcutta as reported in the Hindustan Times of 11th September, 1985 which has virtually been turned into a centre for anti-Afghanistan propaganda; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN). (a) According to the information available with the Government, there has not been any notable increase in the number of Afghan nationals staying in Calcutta. There is also no evidence to indicate that the city has been turned into a centre of anti-Afghanistan propaganda.

(b) Does not arise.

Stranded Biharis infiltrating from Bangladesh

3134. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Biharis stranded in Bangladesh since 1971 estimated to have crossed over to India and settled in Assam and West Bengal; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to identify these infiltrators and to deport them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN). (a) and (b) Having regard to the considerable length of Indo-Bangladesh border, infiltration of Bangladeshis including Bihari Muslims into West Bengal or Assam can not be ruled out. But there are no reports of large scale intrusion of Bihari Muslims into these States. There also exist standing instructions with the Sate Governments to check, identify and take necessary action against them under the law.

Spy rings

3135. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of spy rings unearthed during the year 1984 and the current year;

(b) the details of action taken against the guilty; and

(c) the details of remedial measures to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) A statement containing information furnished by the State Governments and U.T. Administrations is attached.

(c) Constant Vigilance is being maintained to safeguard national security. All the concerned security agencies at the Centre and State level are geared to the task of identifying neutralising and detecting any attempt at espionage.